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WANTS REPORT ON FINANCIAL STATUS

Senator Stewart Asks for Inquiry Into District and National Relations.

USING LOCAL IMPROVEMENTS

Use for the Money if General Government Owes a Balance.

DESIRE TO SETTLE DISPUTE

Frequent Statements by Legislators That Commissioners Officially Have Not Borne Full Share of Expenses Under Organic Law.

Senator Stewart, of the Senate District Committee, believes that the question of the financial relations of the District and the United States Government should be investigated. He introduced in the Senate today a resolution calling on the District Committee to make a full investigation to ascertain whether or not the two parties to the contract of 1878 are living up to it, or, in other words, whether each is contributing its half to the expenses of the District.

There have been repeated charges that the Government is not paying its full share, and, on the other hand, it has been asserted by Senators and Representatives at various times that it is doing more than its share. Mr. Stewart believes that there should be no doubt about the matter, especially as the District now needs a number of costly improvements, which cannot be paid for out of current revenues.

It is understood that the Senator believes there is a surplus due the District, which should be appropriated by the United States for the large improvements.

The resolution is as follows:

"Resolved, That the Committee on the District of Columbia be and is hereby directed to make a full investigation into the financial relations of the District of Columbia since the system of taxation and expenditures went into operation pursuant to the act of June 11, 1878, which provided for a permanent form of government for the District; and to ascertain the appropriations made by Congress for the benefit of the District in accordance with said act; and said committee shall report whether or not Congress has appropriated, as required by said act, the amount of 50 per cent of the sums necessary to defray the expenses of the government of the District of Columbia, and if such sum has not been fully appropriated, said committee shall state the amount which ought now to be appropriated by Congress in order to make up the said 50 per cent accruing between the date of said act and December 31, 1901; and said committee is hereby further directed to report any and all legislation which may be necessary to carry out the aforesaid provisions of the act of June 11, 1878, and to recommend appropriate said amount of 50 per cent of the expenditures, leaving the remaining 50 per cent to be levied upon the property of the District other than public property."

SUSPECTED OF PLOTTING DEATH OF FRANZ JOSEF

Police of Parma Arrest Anarchist Negri, of Trieste.

LONDON, April 26.—A dispatch from Rome to the Central News says the police of Parma have arrested an anarchist of the name of Negri, of Trieste, who is suspected of plotting the assassination of Emperor Franz Josef of Austria.

A photograph of the Emperor bearing the word "dead" was found in the prisoner's possession.

OPINION ON BREVETS SENT TO COMMITTEE

Judge Advocate General Davis Submits Precedents.

Secretary Root has transmitted to the Senate Committee on Military Affairs the reply of Judge Advocate General Davis to the inquiry of the committee regarding the authority for conferring brevet nominations of some 625 army officers, which are now pending before the committee.

The committee in looking up the law authorizing the conferring of brevets found the statute specifically stated that it could be done only "in time of war." Officially, at least, a state of war has not existed in the Philippines since the termination of hostilities with Spain upon the signing of the peace protocol, and as no declaration of war against China was made in connection with the Boxer uprising in the Philippines, the committee also that a state of war did not exist there, and the brevets conferred for meritorious services in either campaign would not fall within the provision of the law limiting them to "time of war."

The reply of the Judge Advocate General is expected to convince the committee that the President has ample authority to confer these brevets, notwithstanding the apparent lack of authority in the statutes. He quotes from the precedents for years back to show that the clause "in time of war" has been construed not to depend upon an official declaration of war, but that the meritorious services must be performed in an action with the enemy.

Numerous brevets that have been conferred, it is shown, on account of Indian campaigns, where no actual declaration of war was made, and that brevets for services rendered in the civil war have been in some instances, only recently distributed. This construction of the law, he says, has been so often concurred in by the Senate in the confirmation of brevet nominations that he thinks the authority of the President in this instance is undeniable.

POPE ORDERS EXAMINATION.

Suggestion of American Missionary College at Rome to Be Looked Into.

ROME, April 26.—The Pope has ordered the propagation to examine the suggestion for the instituting at Rome of an American missionary college, to provide clergy for Cuba and the Philippines.

To Settle Mooted Question.

Unending contention about supposed indebtedness on one side or the other to be determined, Nevada Senator proposes, by a thorough investigation by Congress. A finding favorable to the District counted upon to furnish funds in present stringency.

ARBITRATION ARRANGED BY CIVIC FEDERATION

Decisive Result Scored by Mr. Hanna's Committee.

TROUBLE YET TO BE SETTLED

Committee Representing the Miners and One Representing the Operators Will Meet as Result of Federation's Mediation and Endeavor to Solve Difficulty.

NEW YORK, April 26.—The truce agreed upon at the meeting of the anthracite coal operators and miners with the conciliation committee of the National Civic Federation a month ago, by which a strike of the anthracite miners in Pennsylvania was averted for thirty days, expired today, and again the operators and miners were brought together by Senator Mark Hanna's industrial peace committee.

Senator Hanna presided at today's meeting, which was held in a large and airy room in the Church Mission Building.

The result of the meeting as stated by Messrs. Straus and Hanna, was that a committee, consisting of Messrs. Baer, Thomas, and Truesdale for the operators, and Messrs. Mitchell, Pahey, Nichols, and Duffy for the miners, had been appointed to meet on Tuesday next at the New York offices of the Central Railroad of New Jersey, and there to arrive at a positive decision as to whether there shall be a strike or an agreement upon the issues as they are now understood.

This committee was appointed on the advice of Senator Hanna's peace committee, and the result of the meeting on Tuesday next is as uncertain as the result of today's meeting was yesterday. Senator Hanna said: "We have had an interesting and satisfactory talk, and we hope that the committee that will meet next Tuesday will arrive at some satisfactory understanding. I cannot predict whether that will be done or not."

Mr. Straus said: "Today we have succeeded in clarifying the situation on some points."

Before the meeting, which was called at about 10:30 o'clock, none of the conferees would express an opinion on the outcome.

The miners' delegates said they hoped for the best, but that was as far as they would go, as all were under strict orders to refrain from talking publicly.

MR. ELKINS DEFENDS HIS CIVIL WAR RECORD

Answers Charges of Dr. Leeds of West Virginia.

Senator Elkins today started out to refute the charges made by Dr. Leeds, of Reno Post, G. A. R., of West Virginia, to the effect that the Senator had no war record and therefore had no right to be a member of the G. A. R. Senator Elkins will secure data from the War Department and other official sources here to fully establish his record in the Union army, and intends to give some publicity to the matter in his State. Already he has received word from the Auditor of War Department, telling of the record of his enlistment in the Missouri militia, and after in the regular service, and of his service as captain in Missouri during 1862-63, chiefly against Quantrill and his guerrillas.

Senator Elkins said today regarding the matter:

"I have never dignified these charges against my war record with any notice heretofore, but I see no reason why they should go unchallenged any longer. They are and have always been a part of the political capital of the Democrats in portions of West Virginia and are now being brought up again for the campaign this fall."

"It was asserted several years ago that I was a deserter from the army. Later that I never belonged to the army, and at another time that I was a member of the Quantrill guerrillas. All of these statements it will be very easy to disprove in a very short time and I propose to do it."

"The truth of the matter is, I was captured at one time by Quantrill during one of the engagements of my company with him. I would have been shot, and curiously enough Cal Younger was the man who saved my life. He persuaded Quantrill to give me my liberty. Once after that I was able to perform the same service for Younger."

NO CHANGE NOTED IN CONDITION OF ARCHBISHOP

NEW YORK, April 26.—Father Curley, Archbishop Corrigan's secretary, said this morning that the Archbishop had rested easily last night, and slept well for about five hours in all, in short stretches.

"The Archbishop is holding his own," he said. There has been no material change for the worse or the better."

ROCHAMBEAU MISSION PERSONNEL ANNOUNCED

French Government Gives Out List of Names.

INCLUDES DISTINGUISHED MEN

Army, Navy, the Foreign Office, Belles-Lettres, and Art to Be Represented. Some of the Party Will Come Over on La Touraine, and Some on Battleship.

PARIS, April 26.—The following will constitute the French mission to the dedication of the statue of Rochambeau at Washington on May 24:

Army—General Brugue, vice president of the superior council of war, chief of the mission; General De Chalandas, Lieutenant Colonel Hermette, and Capt. Poulou de St. Marc and Lasson.

Navy—Admiral Fournier and aides-de-camp.

Foreign office—M. Guillemin, a sub-chief in the cabinet, and Robert de Billy and Vicomte Chambrun. The last two named will act as secretaries.

M. Alfred Croisset, dean of the faculty of letters, has been attached to the mission as a representative of French literature.

The artist Paul Renouard will go as the representative of French art.

Some of the members of the mission will sail on the steamship La Touraine, on May 19. The chiefs, however, will sail on the battleship Gaulois, from Toulon for Baltimore.

In a cablegram received at the State Department today from Ambassador Porter, the official mission to the Rochambeau statue unveiling is announced and the ambassador says that a French warship, probably the Gaulois, will sail for Baltimore early in May.

LONDON PAPERS COMMENT ON GEN. SMITH'S AVOWAL

Thinks American Pro-Bosers Should Now Hold Their Peace.

LONDON, April 26.—The "Evening News," in an editorial on the trial of Gen. Jacob Smith, the United States officer on trial at Manila for conduct prejudicial to good order and discipline says:

"After Smith's avowals, the most shameful pro-Bosers in America will surely hold his peace."

GEN. POWELL CLAYTON STARTS HOME MONDAY

Will Spend a Short Time There Before Proceeding to His Post.

General Powell Clayton, of Arkansas, the United States ambassador to Mexico, will, on Monday, leave Washington for Little Rock, his home, there to spend a short time before returning to his post, which he will reach, he says, on May 29, the Cuban inaugural day, in time to unfurl the embassy flag and render Cuba all possible moral support.

HOUSE AGAIN FAILS TO THANK MR. HAY

Futile Effort to Secure Action on the Resolution.

The second effort to secure the passage of a resolution expressing the thanks of Congress to Secretary Hay for his McKinley memorial address failed in the House this morning.

After the reading of the Journal Mr. Grosvenor, the chairman of the Special Memorial Committee, called up the resolution, which has introduced about two weeks ago, and upon suggestion of Representative Richardson (Tenn.) was referred to the committee.

Representative Grosvenor asked unanimous consent for the present consideration of the resolution. Mr. Richardson asked if the resolution had been considered by the committee. Mr. Grosvenor said it had, and that while Mr. Clark (Dem., Mo.) had said he might file a minority report, he did not vote against favorably reporting the resolution. It was in regular form, Mr. Grosvenor said. Mr. De Armond (Dem., Mo.) objected, and the resolution in consequence failed of action.

The objection made to extending the thanks of Congress to Secretary Hay is based upon the statement that his address was of a political and partisan character.

TELLER RESOLUTION FAVORABLY REPORTED

Its Author Declares Cuban Reciprocity Should Be Included.

The Committee on Contingent Expenses favorably reported to the Senate this morning the Teller resolution, providing for an investigation by the Committee on Relations with Cuba of the sugar trust in relation to the Cuban sugar lands.

Mr. Teller, in speaking upon the matter, declared that he, of course, would not oppose the adoption of the resolution, but he wished to say that it was not exactly what he wanted, and was not what he thought the country ought to have. He believed the entire subject of Cuban reciprocity should be gone into.

He declared that the best sugar interests were entitled to the existing duty on sugar, and he would labor to maintain such duty, unless there was a general desire to reduce duties generally. In that case he would stand for such reductions.

Will See President's Cousin.

Mr. E. E. Droop, of this city, who is soon going abroad, called on President Roosevelt at the White House today. He will make a long stay in Brussels, where a cousin of President Roosevelt, Mr. George W. Roosevelt, has for years been the United States consul.

BASES HIS DEFENSE ON OLD ARMY ORDER

Gen. Jacob H. Smith Invokes a Civil War Rule.

APPLIED TO FILIPINO REBELS

"To Save the Country Is Paramount to All Other Considerations." Was the Watchword in the Rebellion—Paragraph Relating to Giving of Quarter.

Dispatches from Manila state that Brigadier General Smith, who is now on trial for issuing orders of an inhuman character in the Samar campaign, bases his defense upon military order No. 106, claiming that under it he was justified in authorizing Major Waller to kill all male natives over ten years of age, and to make the country a howling wilderness.

The order referred to, prepared by a board of army officers, was issued by the War Department, April 24, 1863, and is entitled: "Instructions for the government of armies of the United States in the field." This order is still in effect. It contains about 10,000 words, divided into 157 paragraphs. The sections upon which General Smith probably depends for justification are as follows:

"To save the country is paramount to all other considerations. * * *

"Military necessity admits of all direct destruction of life or limb of armed enemies and of other persons whose destruction is incidentally unavoidable in the armed contests of war. * * *

"The law of war can no more wholly dispense with retaliation than can the law of nations, of which it is a branch. Civilized nations acknowledge retaliation as the sternest feature of war. A reckless enemy often gives his opponent no other means of securing himself against the repetition of barbarous outrage. * * *

"The more vigorously wars are pursued, the better it is for humanity. Sharp wars are brief. * * *

A commander is permitted to direct his troops to give no quarter in great straits, when his own salvation makes it impossible to cumber himself with prisoners. * * *

"All troops of the enemy known or discovered to give no quarter in general, or to any portion of the army, receive none. * * *

"Quarter having been given to an enemy by American troops, under a misapprehension of his true character, he may, nevertheless, be ordered to suffer death if, within three days of the battle, it is discovered that he belongs to a corps which gives no quarter. * * *

"All armies in the field stand in need of guides, and impress them, if they cannot obtain them otherwise. Guides, when it is clearly proved that they have misled intentionally, may be put to death. * * *

AMERICANS LEADING IN COLLEGE CHESS TOURNEY

Will Win Probably by Four to Two.

MARVELOUS ENDLESS CHAIN BUSINESS

Postoffice Authorities Investigating Scheme.

It was stated at the office of the Assistant Attorney General for the Postoffice Department this morning that the endless chain letter business of Van Kirk & Robbins, Wilkesbarre, Pa., is being investigated, and that a hearing has been set for May 2, at 1 o'clock p. m., at the office of the Assistant Attorney General for the Postoffice Department.

It is alleged that the chain letter business of Van Kirk & Robbins has so choked the postoffice at Wilkesbarre with mail that the postmaster of that place received notice from the postal authorities here to stop its delivery until there is an investigation. It is stated that most of the letters received contain money orders for \$2.50. There were received by the firm, it is said, between 3,000 and 4,000 daily during each of the last four days, and the number is steadily increasing.

The nature of their business is alleged to be as follows: A few weeks ago the firm sold an old horse which it owned. The firm then bought stationery and started business on a borrowed debt, so it is said. Now they sell a fountain pen for \$2.50, and the person buying it has the privilege of entering their employ at \$6.00 a week for writing sixty letters, sending their company's proposition onward. This endless chain was started six weeks ago. No fifty people are employed in the home office, it is alleged, and hundreds in every State in the country. The company, it is claimed, has paid out over \$50,000 already.

The postal authorities do not seem to be certain yet whether they can stop the business on the ground that it is illegal, but investigation is being made on this point. Meanwhile the business is suspended.

QUEEN WILHELMINA'S CONDITION IS IMPROVED

HET LOO, Holland, April 26.—Queen Wilhelmina's physicians, Drs. Roessings and Pot, this morning issued the following encouraging bulletin:

"The Queen has a quieter night. Her temperature and general condition are more favorable."

SHEFFIELD WINS GREAT ENGLISH FOOTBALL GAME

LONDON, April 26.—The final round in the contest for the English Association Football Cup was played at the Crystal Palace grounds today before an enormous gathering of spectators.

The Sheffield team defeated the Southampton combination by two goals to one, and thus won the cup for this year.

The two clubs played a draw last week before 80,000 people, and today was fixed for the deciding game.

GLASGOW, April 26.—The story printed in the "Edinburgh News" yesterday to the effect that J. P. Morgan was combining the big Scotch collieries is denied here.

BIG TUMBLE COMES IN PRICE OF MEATS

Government's Action Supposed to Have Caused Fall.

NO MONDAY RISE EXPECTED

Loins Drop From Twenty-six to Twenty Cents a Pound, Ribs From Sixteen to Fifteen Cents, and Loin Butts From Thirteen to Eleven Cents.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., April 26.—Following immediately on the heels of the announcement that the Government intends to investigate the methods of the beef trust, the prices of the highest classes of beef fell from 1 to 6 cents yesterday.

Loins which have been costing 26 cents, went to 25 cents; ribs which have been bringing 16 cents, fell to 15, and loin butts which have been selling for 13 cents, were reduced to 11.

Furthermore, the butchers believe the packers are so badly scared that they will not have the courage to make their usual raise in prices next Monday morning.

It was confidently predicted by the packers before the airing of the trust's methods was commenced that the price of carcasses beef would go to 12½ cents at Kansas City before grass-fed cattle began to come to market, but the trust has not raised the price more than 10½ cents as yet, and it begins to look as though it will not carry out its promises.

LOCAL BEEF PRICES DIDN'T INCREASE TODAY

In Spite of a Rushing Trade Figures Remained Stationary.

Beef did not cost any more at the market today than it did yesterday—probably because of the action of Attorney General Knox in relation to the alleged Beef Trust.

The market was good this morning, and more meat than usual was sold.

"We are too busy to talk about the Beef Trust today," said several of the local butchers, and this statement indicated the way in which the beef wind blew all day.

At the big packing houses this morning nothing in regard to the meat trade situation could be learned. The manager of the Armour & Co. Washington branch declined to say anything about the change which has taken place since the Attorney General issued his statement, and he would not state what effect this action is likely to have upon the big packing houses.

Local butchers were reticent in regard to the situation. It was stated that a private school at least twelve weeks in every year. Carefully prepared and extensive tables accompany the report, showing the number of both white and colored children in the different grades.

One point developed by the report is that of the 45,738 children attending the public school, 2,551, or about 20 per cent, are under eight years of age. At the same time 6,278 children, between the ages of eight and fourteen are not attending schools.

The report asserts that the children under eight years of age are keeping the older children away, and asserts that there are not accommodations enough for all.

Two remedies are suggested, one, the building of a large number of new school buildings, sufficient to hold the surplus children, and the other the displacement where necessary of children under eight years of age.

GUEST OF A HOTEL FOUND DEAD IN BED

Sudden Demise of William Thorp, of Brooklyn, N. Y.

William Thorp, sixty-five years of age, who resided at 588 Green Street, Brooklyn, N. Y., was found dead in his room at the National Hotel shortly after 9 o'clock this morning.

Mr. Thorp, who was a frequent visitor to this city, had been ill for some time, and Dr. M. F. Thompson was attending him at the hotel. When Mr. Thorp failed to appear for his breakfast this morning, Mr. G. F. Shutt, a friend, went to his room to see what the trouble was. The door was locked and Mr. Shutt upon receiving no answer to his summons, promptly broke open the door. He found Mr. Thorp lying on the bed, dead.

Deputy Coroner Glazebrook was summoned, and after viewing the remains, gave a certificate of death from natural causes.

The body was removed to Lee's undertaking establishment to be prepared for burial.

A friend of the deceased who resides in the city, was notified and at once advised Mr. Thorp's relatives in Brooklyn, who will, it is thought, have the remains taken to that city.

CONDITION OF CONGRESSMAN CUMMINGS IS SERIOUS

Pneumonia Has Set in, and Physicians Decline to Risk Prediction of Outcome.

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He has pneumonia, resulting from a severe cold, and pleurisy which developed in the last few days.

Dr. Young, who is attending him, says he can give no definite assurance of the Congressman's recovery until after twenty-four hours, but he has hopes that he will pull through. Mr. Cummings is much weakened by the operation, and this bears against him.

Railroad Wreck in Indiana. VALPARAISO, Ind., April 26.—A Grand Trunk passenger train which left Chicago last night was wrecked near Haskell, east of this city, as a result of the windstorm during the night. The engineer, Robert Melrose, of Battle Creek, Mich., was seriously hurt, and the fireman and mail clerk were badly bruised.

EIGHT MILLIONS FOR THE DISTRICT

Some of the Figures.

The District appropriation bill submitted to the House today contains these features: Recommended by the Commissioners, \$10,441,481.97; recommended by the committee, exclusive of the Water Department allowance, \$7,743,888.97; water, \$123,366. Of the sum recommended by the committee the General Government is to pay \$3,870,694.48.

CIVIC CENTER REPORTS ON SCHOOL FACILITIES

Wishes Compulsory Education Law Enforced.

6,000 CHILDREN NOT ON ROLL

Senate District Committee Urged to Remedy Present Conditions, Even if Younger Children Must Be Kept Away for a Short Time.

The Civic Center of the District has sent to the Senate District Committee an important report on the school facilities of the District and the number of children who are not attending school, with recommendations that the laws for compulsory education be enforced.

The report was prepared by Emily A. Y. O'Brien, M. D., chairman of the committee on public schools. It will be printed for distribution as a public document. It shows that over 6,000 children of school age are not enrolled in the District. Accompanying the report are resolutions adopted by the Civic Center this week.

As stated by Miss O'Brien's report, the District law is specific and full on the subject. Except in case of bodily infirmity or ill-health, it is required that all children between the ages of eight and fourteen years shall attend some public or private school at least twelve weeks in every year. Carefully prepared and extensive tables accompany the report, showing the number of both white and colored children in the different grades.

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House Committee Acts on Appropriation Bill.

THE PROVISIONS OF THE MEASURE

Estimates of Commissioners Reduced By \$2,000,000.

INCREASE IN THE REVENUES

Improvements and Repairs Probably Curtailed Owing to the Fact That Congress Has Not Yet Been Able to Learn What Increase in Taxes May Amount to.

The District appropriation bill, which has been under consideration by the subcommittee of the House Appropriations Committee for the past few weeks, completed the bill this morning, and it was reported to the House by Representative McCleary, chairman of the subcommittee. He will call the measure up one day next week.